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CFC calls for donors

Combined Federal Campaign "Keyworkers" from Base organizations and tenant activities joined together in a CFC Kickoff Luncheon at the Oasis Club to build support for this year's campaign, which began Sept. 9.

Keyworkers now handing out Contributor's Booklets and helping personnel complete pledge cards. By Nov. 22, 100 percent of MCLB personnel are expected to have been contacted and given the opportunity to contribute to CFC.

The Contributor's Booklets contain lists and brief narrative descriptions of hundreds of organizations CFC donors can contribute to. CFC makes it possible for donors to target specific charities on the pledge card, and support only the organizations donors want to support.

Donors may fill in the pledge card and make a one time contribution, or they can sign up on the pledge card for a regular payroll deduction. Each pledge card contains blocks for designating specific agencies and specific amounts.

If employees haven't yet been contacted by their organization "keyworkers" they may contact keyworkers listed below:

CFC Keyworkers

MCB:	Brenda German	577-7139
	Yolanda Scheib	577-7399
SJA:	LCpl P. J. Snyder	577-6874
FSCB:	Sgt C. D. Galbraith	577-7486
	David Dillingham	577-7481
PSD:	Sgt K. C. Garrison	577-6849
	LCpl K. O. Ramcharan	577-6623
MCCS:	LCpl Melgoza	577-6898
	SSgt Bassett	256-8974
PMO:	SSgt P. S. Holm	577-6334
	LCpl K. S. Carron	577-6457
HQBN:	Cpl B. E. Price	577-6664
	Cpl S. M. Fisher	577-6494
Bldg 15:	Bette Poe	577-6307
	Bertie Dailey	577-6430
Fire:	Chuck Moore	577-7039
Dept.	Pasty Biles	577-6732

The overall CFC coordinator this year is 1stLt. L. L. Conley. She can be reached at 577-6155.

If your section does not have a Keyworker listed please call SSgt. Robert Cole at 577-6843.



\$8.5 million rehab started

Colonel Mark A. Costa, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow takes the first shovel full during the ground breaking for the \$8.5 million Outside Cable Rehabilitation (OS-CAR 2) Project Monday.

This project is scheduled to be finished by July, according to 1stLt. Robert Sanchez, communications officer.

Rodeo Stampede thunders into Barstow

By Bill Bokholt
Public Affairs Officer

The 12th annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede, cosponsored by the Barstow Rodeo Group and MCLB Barstow's Business Operations Division, Marine Corps Community Services Dept, will be held at the Yermo Annex base stables Sept. 24-26.

Kickoff events, Sept. 24, which are restricted to local entries only, include a gymkhana, petting zoo, steer riding (must be 14 years old or older) and the popular Mutton Bustin' (children cling to the backs of woolly sheep racing across the arena) for children seven years old or younger and not more than 65 pounds.

Applications to participate in the Friday locals-only kickoff events can be picked up from Jeanette Hayhurst at Barstow City Hall. Admission to the kickoff activities is free and barbecue tickets are \$6.

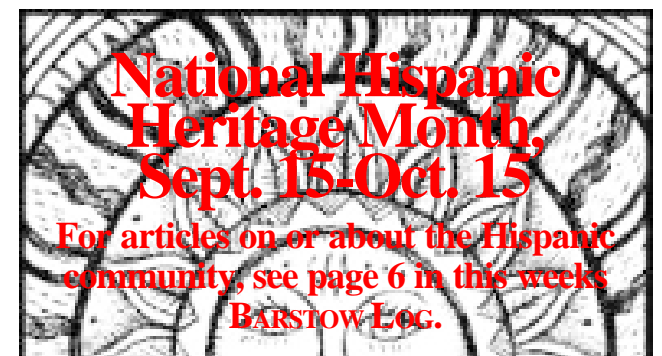
The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 and 5 p.m. Sept. 26. MCLB Barstow's Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard leads off the festivities both days. Calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddlebronc and bull riding are featured PRCA events.

The Barstow Rodeo traditionally features more than 250 cowboys and cowgirls. World champions last year included such per-

formers as two-time All Around Cowboy Joe Beaver, ten-time Barrel Racing Champion Charmayne James and three-time world champion steerwrestler John W. Jones from Morro Bay, Calif.

Tickets are available at the gate. VIP tickets, which include reserved seating, refreshments and a rodeo program are \$15 a day. Rodeo and kickoff barbecue tickets are available from the Information Tickets and Tours Office, 577-6541, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. In Yermo, tickets can be purchased from Yolanda Scheib, 577-7399, in the Management Services Office in Bldg. 573 from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

For more info, call the Barstow Rodeo Group at 252-3093.



The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool the Base Commander uses to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call 577-6535 or send your concerns via LAN to COMMANDERS FORUM@HQTRS1.

When will the migration be finished?

Q How can we do any work for the A-76 (or anything else, for that matter), when we can't access the data with our computers? You don't know if mail you sent, got there, or if someone sent you something and you don't have it. Something has to be done with the computer network. I've checked the MCLB web site everyday. The only thing I see changing is the number of visitors. What am I doing wrong? Is there another site?

A Thank you for raising this issue, I know you are not alone. Many of us have experienced the same frustrations, however, it is unclear whether you were unable to access the data due to network or possible computer hard drive problems. The e-mail concerns are legitimate. We all have been affected since we began to migrate from Banyan Vines e-mail to Microsoft Outlook. Until all users have been converted to Microsoft Outlook there will be the potential for misdirected or lost e-mails. To minimize this from happening, remember to use

local vice global addresses for people who have migrated. Also, when sending e-mails, using the confirm receipt option gives you some indication on whether it goes through.

There are other potential problems that arise. Our Local Area Network and Wide Area Network servers that support the base connectivity are analyzed for problems on a routine basis. During the testing, ISD does find operational problems and immediately takes measures to resolve them. To help in isolating the true source of problems, the ISD Help Desk needs to know the specific computer and the specific type of errors being generated in order to correct them.

In response to your concern regarding the web site, this is still a work in progress. The base intranet is undergoing modifications to migrate the Base Bulletin Board and other additions to the web site. Once the Webmaster has completed these actions, the base intranet should be available.

We understand the challenges you, the user, encounter using the various brands of desktop and software that interact in a Local

Commanders Note: I receive numerous phone calls to the forum hotline on many base issues.

I personally require every call to be researched and action taken to correct the issues addressed.

However, not all calls can be published because of the sensitivity of the issue or to protect the subject of the call.

If you leave your name, I ensure you will receive a personal response to your call.

Your name is not released outside my office, so no one besides my office staff will know of your identity.

Area Network environment. We intend to simplify the situation and improve its reliability. Soon many of the fixes affecting all of us will be in. But if you have specific problems please call the Trouble Desk at 577-6780.

Thank you for your interest in improving our information technology services. I ask you and all users to be patient during this transition.

You could be marked in God's eyes

By Lt. Michael Michener
Base Chaplain



Several years ago, when I had just entered seminary, we had a visitor at our house for supper.

Chaplain E. Dean Cook, a recently retired Navy captain,

was encouraging me to pursue ministry in the chaplaincy.

My oldest daughter who was three at the time was sitting on Dean's lap talking with him when she noticed his tattoo on his forearm. Annie jumped down and got a tissue and came back to Dean and tried to help him clean up the "dirt" on his arm. My wife and I were mortified. Of course, the veteran chaplain just laughed and told the story of how he got the tattoo after he joined the Navy fresh out of high school.

I'm sure I'm a little naive but I never could understand the purpose of permanently disfiguring your body.

Today, tattoos are popular – even among women. Men and women alike mark their bodies in various places with elaborate designs. Occasionally there are messages engraved in the skin that indicate the person's loyalty such as "Harley Davidson" or "Bob and Pam forever."

However, there is a small problem when Bob and Pam divorce and now it's "Bob and Cathy" or "Bob and Sue."

Granted there are some messages that would be considered permanent – such as "I Love Mom." But even then, I can only imagine that "Mom" would prefer her son's affection be a reflection of what is inside rather than what is

stamped on her son's skin.

Admittedly, I've even had fleeting thoughts of emblazoning on my shoulder an emblem of my commitment to God – maybe something like, "Our God Reigns!" Fortunately, wisdom – and the fear of my wife – have prevailed, and I've never followed through with such silliness.

I have this crazy idea that God would also not be impressed with my outward tattoo. I imagine that His desire is that my actions and behavior reflect what has already been engraved in my heart. My love for God and my commitment to people have to show in the things that I do rather than the words that I say. "Talking the talk" means nothing if I am not willing to "walk the walk."

The expressions of my faith have to come from God's grace being revealed in my life rather than a tattoo on my skin.

Of course, I think there is Biblical evidence for my crazy beliefs. The Apostle Peter wrote to believers saying, *"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."* (1 Peter 3:3-4).

In the Old Testament, tattoos were forbidden because of the association with paganism. (Leviticus 19:28).

Today, there is not a similar comparison. Chaplain Cook says that God does expect us to be "marked" men and women. That "mark" should be the inner stamp of God's grace in our lives that is reflected in our daily behavior. Jesus' own words encourage us to be marked. *"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13:35).

Blessings,
Chaplain Michener

Gunny's Picks

Week 2



Corporal Peter Irene of Warehouse 406, Fleet Support Center, stands gallantly in the winner's circle after a seven-way tiebreaker Monday night. Choosing to spare no feelings, Irene came out swinging at the first competitors who came to mind.

"A warning to the scrubs at ISO," he declared. "You should find out if I'm submitting picks before you play. If I am, don't even waste your time."

You see his picks down below, now is your chance to fire back. Put away your "I'm a little bit rusty" excuse book and pick some winners.

*Green Bay at Detroit
Oakland at Minnesota
Arizona at Miami
*Jacksonville at Carolina
*Pittsburgh at Baltimore
*Indianapolis at New England
*Washington at New York Giants

*Seattle at Chicago
*Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
*San Diego at Cincinnati
New Orleans at San Francisco
Cleveland at Tennessee
*New York Jets at Buffalo

Monday night

*Atlanta at Dallas (37)

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie breaker and must include a total score.

Chapel Hours

Protestant
Catholic Mass

Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.
At the Colonel's Workshop

**Confession services
before Mass**

For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.



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News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact, a phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via dailyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

224th Birthday Ball

The 1999 Marine Corps Birthday Ball is just around the corner. Get a jump on your planning, and get your room early.

For room reservations at the Primadonna Casino call 1-800-386-7867. The cost of the stay is \$15 per night, per room.

Group code: SMC 1110

Ticket will go on sale Monday:

O-3s and up , civilians, retirees	\$40
E-8s through O-2	\$30
E-6 and E-7	\$25
E-4 and E-5	\$15
E-1 through E-3	\$10

Toys-for-Tots Poker Run

The 4th Annual Toys-for-Tots Poker Run will kick-off Nov. 13. Sign-in is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a drawing at 2:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple, plus a new unwrapped toy or \$5.

All street legal vehicles are welcome. Registration and sign-in is on the day of the event only.

For more info call The Bank at 256-1448 or Hooz on First at 256-9523.

Tortoise and Hare Fun Run/Walk

The Boys and Girls Club of Barstow are sponsoring the Tortoise and Hare Fun Run/Walk Nov. 7 at the Barstow Mall.

Entry fee for the 5K/10K/15K road race is \$20 if postmarked on or before Oct. 15 and \$25 thereafter.

All paid entrants get a free T-shirt designed by local artist Kathy Fierro.

There will be a carbo-loaded dinner the night before the race for an additional cost.

Runners may register at Diamond Pacific at 2620 W. Main St, the base gym or at <http://www.homestead.com/tortoiseandhare/index.html>.

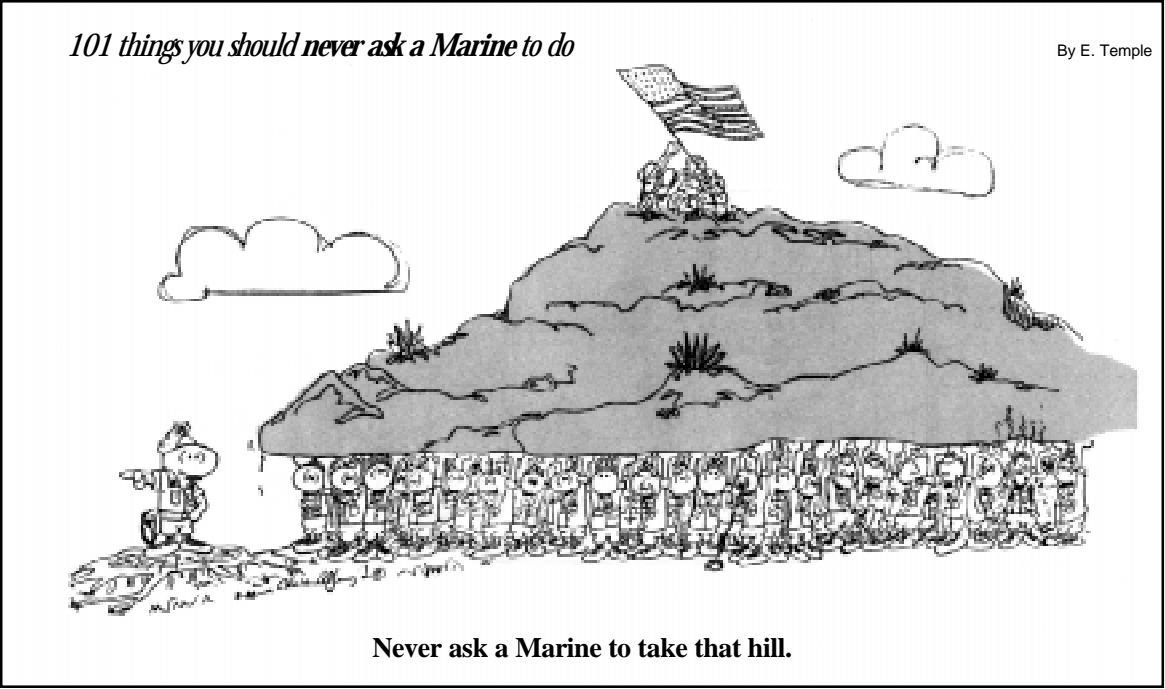
Call Kerry Stapp at 577-7441 for more information.

Fall Bible classes

The protestant Women of the Chapel, on Fort Irwin, have kicked-off their Fall 1999 Bible class schedule.

Bible classes are scheduled every Tuesday morning at 9 from now until Dec. 21.

If you would like to join in the worship contact Gidget Holcombe at (760) 386-9563.



Daddy's Baby Boot Camp

Expecting fathers and fathers of children one year or younger are invited to attend Daddy's Baby Boot Camp Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the conference room, Building 129.

Moms are also welcome.
Register early at 577-6332.

Freedom From Smoking

Community Services Division offers a Freedom from Smoking class

Tuesday evenings from 4-5:30 p.m. in the conference room in Building 129.

This unique program can help smokers become smoke-free for life. Classes begin Sept. 28. To register or

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By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Shop the Base Exchange

The Marine Corps Exchange Anniversary Sale is in progress through Sunday, Sept. 19 – with great buys throughout the store.

The Main Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

The Yermo Exchange is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Note: When troops are rotating through Yermo, the Yermo Exchange is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 577-7092 for details.

Lunch menu for this week

This week's lunch menu at the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe offers a delicious variety:

Today– Chili-mac, vegetable, roll/butter.

Friday, Sept. 17 – Hoki fish, rice, vegetable, roll/butter.

Monday, Sept. 20 – Tacos, Spanish rice and beans.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 – Spicy shrimp & noodles, vegetable, roll/butter.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Lasagna, vegetable, roll/butter.

Thursday, Sept. 23 – Chicken & broccoli, vegetable, roll/butter.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Don't forget the Family Restaurant also offers an A La Carte as well as a Sub Sandwich menu for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers a limited A La Carte and Sub Sandwich menu for lunch.

For more info on the a la carte and

Submarine Sandwich menu at either the Family Restaurant or the Cactus Cafe call 577-6428.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Tonight – Spaghetti, lasagna, vegetable, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or soft drink).

Thursday, Sept. 23 – Beef ribs, potatoes, vegetable, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or soft drink).

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Prices: (All you can eat) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and younger are free. Price is the same for military and civilian personnel.

ITT planning Solvang trip

ITT has a trip planned to Solvang, the famous Danish village in the Santa Ynez Valley. Solvang is Danish in heritage, customs and atmosphere with roughly 300 stores offering everything from handcrafted furniture to freshly baked bread.

Walk the cobblestone streets, with picturesque gas lamps, visit the hundreds of unique shops, and see traditional Danish windmills. It's a unique and pleasurable trip you will enjoy very much.

The trip is scheduled for Oct. 30 – round trip costs \$25 per person. Payment is due at time reservation is made. Cutoff date is Oct. 15.

ITT has just received the new Magic Mountain discount tickets: \$19 adults, \$9.50 children under 48 inches.

ITT located in the Bowling Center, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 577-6541 for more info on the above trip or for info on other trips planned or tickets.

Bowling Center's September specials

Half price bowling throughout September: \$.75 adults, \$.60 children, with a \$.50 shoe rental for everyone.

The Bowling Center is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Call 577-6264 for more info.

Tees & Trees Golf Course

September is a great month for golfing – especially with these great specials:

Ladies – check out our Ladies Golf Clinic, to be held Monday, Sept. 20 through Friday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$20. This special clinic will certainly improve your golf game. Drop by and see what it's all about.

Seniors' and Ladies' specials are every Wednesday and Thursday. Golf for only \$5.

Everyday after 1:30 p.m. military personnel have special rates: Enlisted

personnel play 18 holes of golf for only \$3.50. Officers play 18 holes for only \$7.

On Friday, Oct. 1, the Tees & Trees Golf Course's hours will change – we'll be closing one hour earlier. Enjoy that extra hour in the early evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. while you can through the rest of September.

Tees & Trees Golf Course is open Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 577-6431 for more details.

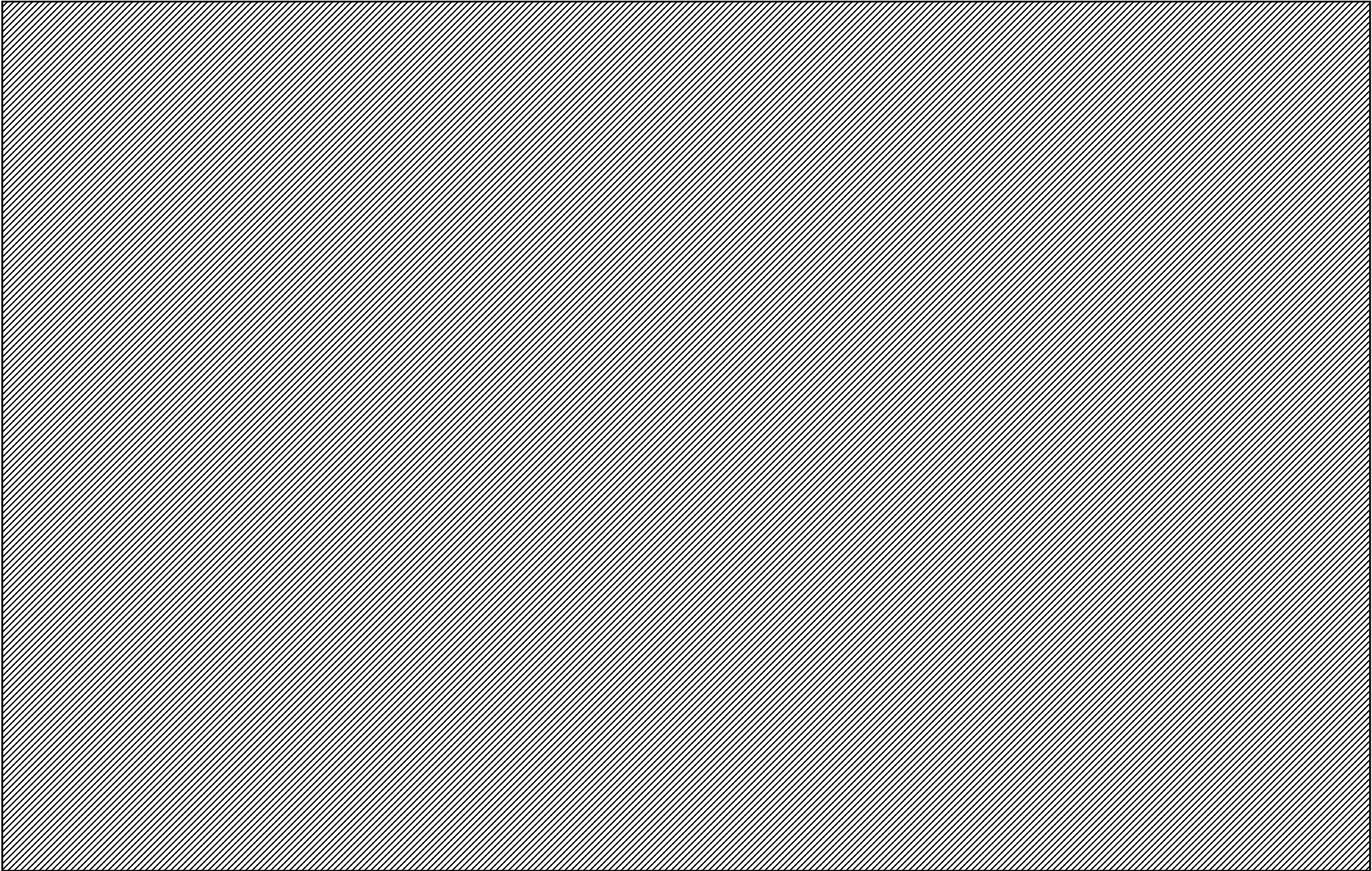
Ceramic Hobby Shop Open House slated for October

Sunday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Ceramic Hobby Shop will host an Open House with door prizes and refreshments. Two professional ceramists will be featured at the Open House, giving demonstrations on new products, ideas and techniques.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop has a new line of supplies and greenware. Drop by and check out all the new items.

On Saturday, Oct. 9 – a trip to the Ceramic Show in San Bernardino is planned. We will depart at 7 a.m. The cost is \$10 for transportation with a \$6 admission fee.

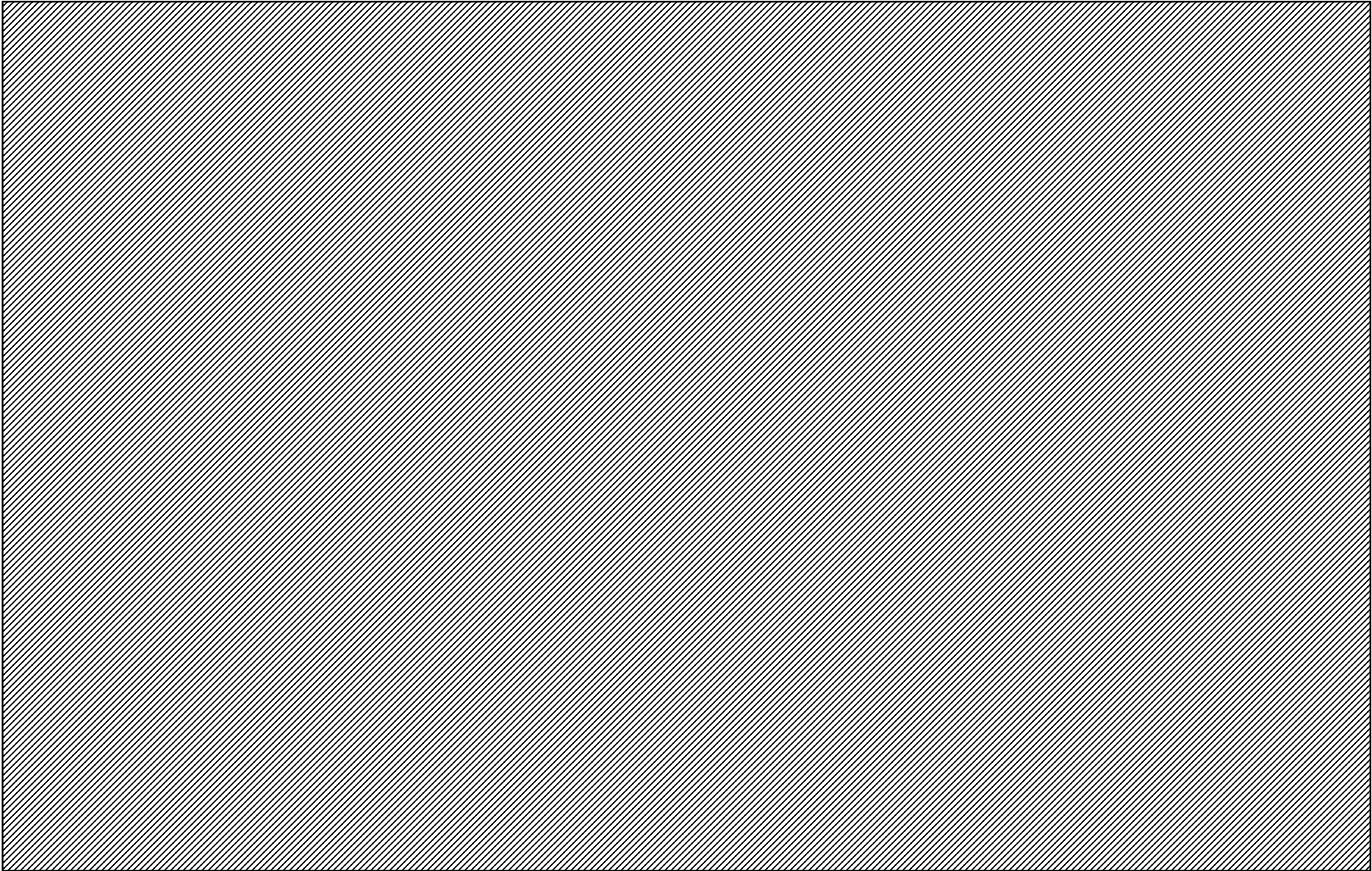
For more information call 577-6228. The Ceramic Hobby Shop is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Job Watch

<u>Annc No.</u>	<u>Title/Series/Grade</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>1st Cutoff</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Annc No.</u>	<u>Title/Series/Grade</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>1st Cutoff</u>	<u>Location</u>
DEA-95-99	Crane Operator WG-5725-11	03-08-99	09-30-99	03-22-99	Calif., Ariz.	DEA-386-99	Security Guard GS-0085-03 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-26-99	09-23-99	09-09-99	MCLB Barstow
DEA-140-99	Firefighter GS-081-03/04/05/06	04-05-99	09-30-99	04-19-99	Port Hueneme	DEA-387-99	Machinist (Automotive) WG-3414-10	08-26-99	09-23-99	09-09-99	Camp Pendleton
DEA-164-99	Firefighter GS-081-04/05/06	04-29-99	09-30-99	05-13-99	Camp Pendleton	DEA-388-99	Family Counselor GS-0101-11	08-27-99	09-24-99	09-10-99	MCAS Miramar
DEA-222-99	Painter WG-4102-07 (Term NTE 13 mos.)	06-21-99	09-30-99	07-06-99	MCLB Barstow	DEA-389-99	Pipefitter WG-4204-10 (TERM NTE 2 yrs.)	08-27-99	11-30-99	09-10-99	San Diego
	Heavy Mobile Equip. Repairer/Op	“	“	“	*	DEA-390-99	Environmental Support Clerk GS-303-05 (Term NTE 1 yr.)	08-26-99	09-23-99	09-09-99	MCLB Barstow
	WG-5803-08/10 (Term NTE 13 mos.)	“	“	“	“	OTR-27-99	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703-08 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	03-24-99	09-30-99	04-07-99	Calif., Arizona
	Artillery Repairer	“	“	“	“	OTR-35-99	Computer Specialist GS-334-11(Temp NTE 1yr.)	04-06-99	09-30-99	04-20-99	Calif., Arizona
	WG-6605-07 (Term NTE 13 mos.)	“	“	“	“	OTR-36-99	Materials Handler WG-6907-07 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	Seal Beach, Fallbrook
DEA-298-99	Computer Specialist GS-334-11/12	07-22-99	10-18-99	08-05-99	San Diego	OTR-38-99	Materials Handler WG-6907-05(Temp NTE 1 yr.)	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	Seal Beach, Fallbrook
DEA-308-99	Pipefitter WG-4204-08/10	07-27-99	12-31-99	08-10-99	China Lake	OTR-39-99	Ordnance Equipment Repairer WG-6641-08 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	04-09-99	09-30-99	04-19-99	Seal Beach
DEA-309-99	Electrician WG-2805-08/10	07-26-99	12-30-99	08-09-99	China Lake	OTR-41-99	Painter WG-4102-07 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	06-15-99	09-30-99	06-28-99	MCLB Barstow
DEA-313-99	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08(Term NTE 366 days)	07-26-99	09-20-99	09-09-99	MCLB Barstow		Heavy Mobile Equip Repair/Oper. WG-5803-08/10/11(Timp NTE 1 yr.)	“	“	“	“
DEA-314-99	Boiler Plant Operator WG-5402-08/10	07-26-99	12-31-99	08-09-99	China Lake		Artillery Repairer WG-6605-07 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	“	“	“	“
DEA-384-99	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-26-99	09-24-99	09-09-99	MCLB Barstow		Pneudraulic Systems Worker WG-8255-08 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	“	“	“	“
DEA-385-99	Accounting Technician GS-525-06 (Term NTE 1 yr.)	08-25-99	09-24-99	N/A	Pt Mugu	OTR-100-99	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08 (Temp NTE 1 yr.)	08-26-99	09-24-99	09-09-99	MCLB Barstow

For more information contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6484.





National Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 15-Oct. 15

This is the first installment during National Hispanic Heritage Month. Pick up copies of the BARSTOW LOG all this month for more articles.

Juntos Tenemos la llave para mejorar nuestro mundo.

If you have articles about or for the Hispanic community, contact the Public Affairs Office.

Barstow native writer comes home to roost

Submitted by
GySgt. Michael Claudio

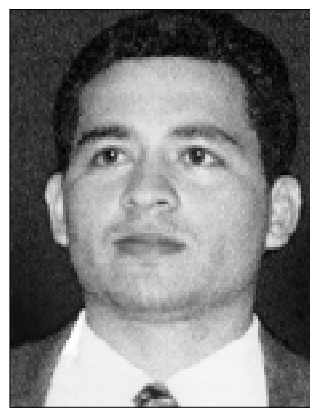
One of Barstow's own is coming to roost closer to home.

Paul Gutierrez, 29, was born and bred in Barstow. And though he hasn't lived here in more than seven years, he still considers it home.

His career in journalism has taken him from Barstow to Las Vegas and New York City. Most recently to Los Angeles, where he just started working at the L.A. Times as a reporter.

But it began in Barstow at the Desert Dispatch where he was able to cover everything from his dad's martial arts tournaments to little league baseball games to Raiders and Rams games "down below."

While attending Barstow College, Gutierrez was introduced to the California Chicano News Media Association, which sponsored him with scholarships as he continued his education at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. While there, he served as sports editor of the campus newspaper, the Rebel Yell, and had summer internships at the Oakland Tribune in 1993 and The Orange County Register in 1994.



Paul Gutierrez will speak at the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon. He grew up in Barstow and began his journalism career at the Desert Dispatch

Both internships were sponsored by the Freedom Forum, a journalism foundation committed to diversity in the newsroom. He has also become a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

After graduating from UNLV in 1984, Gutierrez spent three and a half years in New York City as a Sports Illustrated reporter. While working at the magazine's Manhattan office, his beats included college basketball, baseball, pro football and martial arts, as well as the Faces in the Crowd section.

He returned to Nevada last November to work at the Las Vegas Review-Journal as the newspaper's UNLV basketball beat writer.

He left for the L.A. Times earlier this month as part of the paper's Latino initiative, a concentrated effort to reach out to the paper's burgeoning Hispanic readership.

But with Barstow still just a two-hour drive away, Gutierrez plans on spending much time in Barstow. Besides, a dinner at Del Taco following martial arts class at his dad's studio is too tempting to pass up.

Gutierrez is scheduled to speak at the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon at the Oasis Club, Sept. 30.

Tickets are available for the Mexican Combination Plate Lunch for \$7.

For more information or ticket sales contact:

Marva Johnson	577-6965
Barbara Rodriguez	577-6300
Eduardo Tintos Funcke	577-7193
Charles Gallegos	577-7108
Delane Gutierrez	577-7075
David Mendez	577-7126
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'Borinqueneers' fought bravely during Korean; forgotten afterward

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In August 1950 the Korean War was less than two months old, and Puerto Rico's 65th Infantry Regiment, the Borinqueneers, was on its way to

the combat zone.

The regiment landed at the port city of Pusan on the Korean Peninsula's southern tip, where United States forces had been holding a perimeter against the Communist North Korean invaders.

Sent into action immediately, the Puerto Ricans took part in the United States breakout and drive to the north. Following the brilliantly planned and executed surprise landings at Inchon, United States and other United Nations forces drove deep into the mountains of North Korea.

At that point a huge Chinese Army entered the war. The United States Eighth Army was overrun, and the 1st Marine Division, with attached United States and British Army units, was completely encircled. In one of the greatest fighting retreats in history, the outnumbered Marines battled their way south to the coast. The first friendly troops they saw on the frozen ridgetops were the Puerto Ricans of the 65th Infantry Regiment, sent to hold the perimeter around the vital port of Hungnam.

The Puerto Ricans supervised the evacuation of Hungnam, finally sailing themselves on Christmas Eve, 1950. The 65th landed in Pusan as they had five months before, and again fought their way northward. Late January 1951 found them south of the Korean capital of Seoul, under orders to take two hills being held by the Chinese 149th Division.

The assault began on Jan. 31, and took three days. On the morning of the third day the top of the hills were within reach, and two battalions of the 65th fixed bayonets and charged straight at the enemy positions. The Chinese fled.

During its service in Korea, the men of the 65th Infantry won four Distinguished Service Crosses and 125 Silver Stars. The "Borinqueneers" were also awarded the Presidential and Meritorious Unit Commendations, two Korean Presidential Unit Citations and the Greek Gold Medal for Bravery.

The 165th Infantry Regiment's gallant service in a difficult war is exemplified by its regimental motto, "Honor and Fidelity," and the regiment itself exemplifies the National Guard's leading role in our nation's military history.



Courtesy of the National Guard Homepage.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

From the Director ... Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center Awards

By Col. J. Martin Jr.
MC Director

Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center held an Awards Presentation on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 in the Director's Workshop. I want to thank all the employees for their accomplishments. The following employee's were given Certificates of Appreciation.

Federal Length of Service



Photo by Kevin Barnett
(left to right) Dave Solano with Thomas E. Schaus (CWC 713) and Albino M. Martinez (CWC 728) receive a 35-year pin and certificate.



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(left to right) Dave Solano with Scott P. Haislip (CWC 721), Larry E. Bonner (CWC 728), Thomas Ulibarri (CWC 710), and William R. Perry (CWC 713) receive a 25 year pin and certificate. (not in picture) Stephen Jaramillo (CWC 725) and Stanley Harmon (CWC 723).

CWC	NAME	YEARS
713	Karel A. Hecker	20
726	Carlos R. Chavira Jr.	20
714	Haward L. Brannon	20
726	Daniel Zambrano	20
713	Eugene R. Sanchez	20
710	Colleen M. Donnelley	15
723	William L. Johnson	15
713	Pamela S. Schafer	15
711	Steven B. Rose	15
723	Roger D. Castillo Jr	10
721	John P. Fechner	10
713	David R. Fritz	10
714	Eugene J. Knox	10
727	Robin M. Trujillo	10

Beneficial Suggestion



Photo by Kevin Barnett
(back row) (left to right) Dave Solano with Max A. Moss (CWC 713), George A. Jaus (CWC 713), Gary L. Heidorn (CWC 719), Michael E. Hendley (CWC 725). (front row) Larry E. Bonner (CWC 728), Keith W. Mintun (CWC 729), and Billy A. Benavidez (CWC 728), receive certificates for Beneficial Suggestions.

**Congratulations
to all!**

Special Recognition

Right Dave Solano with Odell Mosley, Phillip Peralta and James Adams receive certificates for Special Recognition for work on 5-ton Trucks. (not in picture) Charles Noonan.

Below (front row) Dave Solano with Donna Flores, Ben Showalter, Ben Kump (Stand in for Russell Reynolds), Dick Milender (Stand in for Ronald Stradling), and Tony Cordova. (back row) Ira Burd, Hershell Thompson, Ray Orroyo, and Rubin Bryant receive certificates for Installation of Engine Dynos. (not in picture) Ron Pitcher, Frank Otero, Oceola Bradley, Russell Reynolds, and Ronald Stradling.



Photo by Kevin Barnett

Blood Donors

A special thanks to the workers who donated at the recent Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties blood drive. The drive held at the Maintenance Center raised 76 units of blood for the area blood supply.

Shooting team sets sights on High Desert Match

By LCpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Good bone support, natural point of aim, breathe – breathe, slow steady squeeze, clear sight tip ... miss the black, miss the thrill.

That's what members of the base shooting team will be thinking to themselves as they take aim from the 1000 yardline.

The MCLB Barstow Rifle and Pistol team is tightening its slings and setting its sights on the High Desert Shooting Matches taking place November 16 through 20 at MCAGCC 29 Palms.

The rifle and pistol team will only be firing the M14 service rifle at the upcoming match.

The predecessor to the M16, the M14 fires a 7.62mm round and is accurate at 1,000 yards.

The base team, unlike many of the shooters they will be competing against in the National Rifle Association sanctioned match, will not use rifle scopes, only the rifle's iron sights and spotting scopes to check their shot placement.

MSgt. David Vanhovel, team SNCOIC, told his shooters at a recent team meeting that there are many opportunities for them to come away from the High Desert Matches as winners and medallists, emphasizing how they should maintain their focus on shooting their personal best.

"When competing in the matches, it is important to remember who you are competing against. A score that may place as a silver medal in one match may not place at all in another match," said Vanhovel.

Coming away from the match with top finishers is desirable, but it isn't tops on the list of missions for the eight-member team to accomplish.

"The main goal I have in mind for the team is to come away from this years High Desert Matches working

well as a team and to be better prepared to compete at this year's service matches," said Cpl. Frank Rodgers III, team NCOIC.

Last year's High Desert Match was a humbling experience, according to Rodgers, the team's only returning shooter to compete there.

"We were able to learn a great deal about marksmanship, teamwork, and we had the pleasure of meeting world-renowned competitors in the sport," remarked Rodgers.

Rodgers said he hopes this year's

team will have a hearty work ethic and maintain their focus and dedication to marksmanship as the season progresses.

"Some of the matches are nearly a month long and can drain a shooters motivation and desire to continue," said Vanhovel. "At the longer matches it is not the best shooters who finish in the top slots, it's the individual that keeps his morale high, and interest in doing what they came to do – shoot."

The team will be firing from the 200-, 300-, 600- and 1,000-yard lines at the High Desert Match.

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for more info, call MCCC Community Services Division at 577-6533.

Did you know ...

The Women, Infant and Young Children (WIC) Program will provide temporary relief to families who are nutritionally deprived?

Federally funded, this program provides nutrition information to help improve eating habits and supplemental food vouchers to buy specific foods important to good health.

Women must be pregnant, breast feeding or have children under the age of five years. Participants must meet health and income guidelines.

WIC vouchers are used like checks to buy specific foods at your local grocery store or commissary.

Contact your local WIC office if you think you qualify for assistance under this program.

For more info contact the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at 256-1378 or 577-6627.

Immigration workshop

The city of Barstow has scheduled an "Immigration Information Workshop," where questions on immigration, obtaining residency, work permits, family reunification, citizenship and outreach programs will be answered.

There is no charge for the workshop. Mount St. Joseph's Catholic Church located at 555 E. Mountain View St. will host the event.

The workshop will be held in the upper room on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. beginning with an orientation/presentation along with a question and answer period.

Personal interviews will be available for special cases. At this time, area residents will also have the opportunity to sign up for a Citizenship Workshop scheduled for Oct. 23.

For further information or registration call City Clerk JoAnne Cousino at 256-3531 extension 3253

Home Business Seminar

The Internal Revenue Service and the 29 Palms Tax Office will present a free Home Business Seminar Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to anyone running or thinking about running a business from home.

Topics include keeping good records, deductible expenses, business use of your home, figuring cost of goods sold and others. Pre-registration is requested, but not necessary.

For more info, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 577-6874.

Mojave River Valley Museum Mini-BBQ

The Mojave River Valley Museum begins its new season with the annual Mini-barbecue, Wednesday, Sept. 22, starting 6 p.m.

Bring side dishes, salads or desserts to the museum at 270 Virginia Way and enjoy the meat, drinks and a special program by community leader Norm Orfall.

Orfall will speak on the history of the railroad in the Mojave desert.

For more info call Robert Hillburn at 256-2324.

Kindergarten Readiness Program

Children and Youth Services will offer a Kindergarten Readiness Program for children who will enter kindergarten in the year 2000. This program will help children gain skills in number and letter recognition, social interactions, sharing, group activities and listening.

The program will be offered Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Children must reach their fourth birthday prior to Dec. 1. For more info, call Theresa Meugniot at 577-6287.

House of Pain Heptathlon

The base gym is hosting a heptathlon physical fitness challenge Oct. 16 at 8 a.m. The test of combined strength and stamina includes: Leg press; weighted pull-ups; dead lift; bench press; standing military press; strict curl; crunches; four-mile run.

The event is open to all competitors, military and civilian. Entry fee is \$5. There will be no registration on the day of the event. For more info, call GySgt. Craig Putnam at 577-6874.

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program is planning two upcoming trips. The first is to Six Flags Magic Mountain on Sept. 25. The next is a deep-sea fishing trip leaving from Dana Point on Oct. 2. Fees will be paid by the SMP, but Marines are responsible for buying their own food.

The trips are open to single Marines and bona fide geographical bachelors. For more info, call SSgt. Raymond at 577-6899.

Summer is over, school is in

By LCpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Summer is over, school is in and many parents are wondering how to best ensure their children's success in the classroom.

Answers to many of the concerns parents have are readily available from a variety of sources, including other parents.

Mary Gil, principal of Montara Elementary School, noted that parents of older children who are involved and play an active role in their child's education are a great resource for parents of children who are just entering the school system or new to the area.

Gil noted that it is more convenient and easier for parents to get valuable information and tips about schools, communities and how to help their children succeed from other parents who volunteer at the schools and take part in the activities.

"We often ask the parents who show a definite interest in their child's education and work around the school to help out at every opportunity because they are very important to the school community," said Gil.

"The best advice for parents is to get to know their child's teacher, visit the classroom and stay informed about what's taking place in the classroom by attending the Parent Teacher Association meetings — just be a part of the school community," offered Gil. "The schools need as much help as they can get and by being involved parents, they have a better understanding of how their child is progressing and what is happening in the school," she added.

Parents statewide should be aware of recent changes to the school promotion policy.

Social promotion in the state of California is a thing of the past. Parents can no longer opt for their chil-



Photo by LCpl. Brian Davidson

Fourth and fifth grade Special Day Class students at Montara Elementary School prepare for a spelling quiz.

dren to advance to the next grade level if they don't meet the academic criteria for promotion. This change could affect many of the students who were socially promoted in the past if they aren't on grade level at the end of the school year.

"Giving a child an education is a team effort," she said. "We provide the resources along with everything the children need and parents have to aid us. We do have to bring our kids up to a higher level. Our expectations are high, our standards are high, and parents will have to work with us to bring our students up to those levels."

"The social promotion policy may have some benefits to offer students; however, it is very likely that it has done more harm than good to California's students and schools," said Robin Davidson, a special education teacher at Montara Elementary School.

There are a number of other changes taking place in local schools and parents can stay abreast of the currents by attending PTA meetings, family nights and volunteering at their child's school, according to Gil.

"Outside of the classroom parents can motivate their children for school with extracurricular activities," said Davidson. "Participating on sports and

academic teams can be beneficial to children mentally as well as physically."

Extracurricular activities supplement classroom learning and the socialization process by allowing children to improve their cognitive thinking and problem solving skills, and promoting positive interaction within peer groups.

According to Evelyn Petersen, a ParenTalk columnist, a child's involvement in sports can promote a high level of closeness within the family if parents are willing to learn about the game and take a genuine interest in the child's endeavors.

Petersen noted that showing you care about something that is important to your child can open new doors of communication.

Attending practice sessions, checking out a book from the library about the sport or talking with coaches give the unfamiliar parent greater insight and prepares them to help their child do their best on the playing field.

Juggling the duties of parenting school age children is no easy task, yet it can be eased by formulating a daily routine, putting it on paper and have their children stick to it, according to <http://www.sgtmoms.com>, because school children become accustomed to the day-to-day routines of school.

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And in this corner, weighing in at 67.6 tons, it's the Marine Corps' primary land assault vehicle, the ...

M1A1 Main Battle Tank

By Cpl. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

The M1A1 Main Battle Tank can travel at a governed speed of 42 mph over unimproved terrain, repel 105mm mortar rounds like flies on a car windshield and strike a point target from 5,000 meters with a 120mm smoothbore M256 main gun.

"Bottom line, the mission of the M1A1 is to go in and kick butt," said Steve Harris, work leader at the Maintenance Center's Cost Work Center 725.

The Marine Corps adopted the M1A1 in November of 1990, as the world braced for the impact of Desert Storm. Less than two years later, the Marine Corps sent its first Main Battle Tanks to its West Coast fix-it-shop, Maintenance Center Barstow.

Today, CWC 725 cranks an average of 25 M1A1s out to the Marine Corps operational forces per year. Though the amount of work needed varies, the first steps are always the same.

"When they come in, we don't know exactly what's wrong with them," said Glen Rasmussen, 725 heavy mobile equipment mechanic. "We have to check everything."

The crew begins with a Limited Technical Inspection. They determine what components need to be rebuilt before sending them through the production line. The next step is to remove the turret, which is sent to the turret shop for repair. Once the tank undergoes a full inspection, the mechanics begin rebuilding it.

The M1A1 tank passes through three indoor rebuilding stations. In the first station, the workers restore the suspension system. In the second, they add the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical system and the battery box.

The final rebuild station is for troubleshooting. Mechanics have to make sure all of the meters, fuel pumps and gauges are working.

Once the vehicle passes all tests and inspections, the hull is moved outside for installation of the tracking and the 1,500 horsepower engine.

The repair sequence used at CWC 725 is about six months old, according to Rasmussen. Prior to the new format, the workers performed the entire inspection and rebuilding at one station.

The process changed when the Maintenance Center outlined nine better business practices to follow. One practice was the International Standards of Organization. To be ISO compliant, a workshop must have a standardized managerial system.

"We had to come up with a new way of production," said Bob Ulibarri, CWC 725 supervisor. "We sat in our break room and said to the mechanics, 'you're the experts, how do you want to get it done?'"

The crew needed to arrange a work schedule that would delegate 29 tasks in the technical manual outline.

"We set no parameters," said Harris. "We let the guys use their own ideas. Everybody gave their input to determine procedures and how many work stations they would need."



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

The mechanics at CWC 725 boast an average of 90 days from the day the M1A1 reaches the Maintenance Center until it is ready to be shipped.

The ISO-compliant method of restoration eases the transition for new personnel.

"Now the procedures are written out. This way, if somebody were to miss work, someone else can fill right in," said Harris.

After countless hours of sifting through grease and grime preparing the instrument of destruction, the mechanics act as a tank crew on the Maintenance Center test track. They run the

M1A1 through a series of obstacles to determine if there were any flaws in the reconstruction.

The tank is now ready to serve a four-Marine tank crew. In order to get it to its rightful owner, CWC 725 has one more task: logistics.

"We haul them by either truck or train," said Ulibarri. "We can send them cross-country via truck in 10 days. A larger order is more likely to go by train but can take up to 30 days."

Still the reigning champion of ground warfare, the M1A1 Main Battle Tank relies on MCLB Barstow and its Maintenance Center to serve as its number one corner man.

